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## ERYSIPELAS AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

COMPENSATION AWARDED FOR DEATH CAUSED BY ERYSIPELAS WHICH FOLLOWED FROSTBITE.

The Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors has decided that a widow is entitled to "compensation" under the Connecticut workmen's compensation law for the death of her husband, which resulted from erysipelas that developed after frostbite. He was an insurance solicitor and his duties required him to endure exposure to severe cold, which the compensation commissioner decided was the "proximate cause" of his injury.

The essential parts of the opinion are published in this issue of the Public Health Reports, page 2299.

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## POLIOMYELITIS (INFANTILE PARALYSIS).

CONFERENCE OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WITH THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF POLIOMYELITIS.

On August 9, 1916, the following telegraphic call for a conference of State and Territorial Health Authorities with the United States Public Health Service was sent out:

Under authority public health law nineteen hundred and two conference of State and Territorial Health Authorities with Public Health Service is called to meet this office ten a. m., Thursday, August seventeenth, to consider poliomyelitis situation and bring about greater uniformity in methods of control. Representation of your State urgently requested. Wire name your delegate.

The complete report of the transactions of the conference will be printed and distributed at an early date. The following was the program of the conference:

AUGUST 17, 1916—10 A. M.

Call to order by the Surgeon General.

Remarks by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Roll call.

The poliomyelitis situation in the various States.